

SPECIAL COUNCIL/UTILITY COMMISS MEETING JUNE 24, 2019 AT 4:30 P.M.

The meeting was opened by announcing this was an open meeting of the Common Council. Notice of this meeting was given to the public at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting by forwarding the complete agenda to the official City newspaper, The New Richmond News, and to all news media who have requested the same as well as posting. Copies of the complete agenda were available for inspection at the City Clerk's office and on the City's website at www.newrichmondwi.gov. Anyone desiring information as to forthcoming meetings should contact the City Clerk's office.

Roll call was taken.

Council Members Present: Mayor Horne, Aldermen Kittel, Lindell, Weinmeyer, Montello, and Volkert and Zajkowski

Utility Commission Members Present: Mike Kastens, Bob Mullen, and Pat Becker

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Alderman Kittel moved to adopt the agenda as presented, seconded by Alderman Weinmeyer and carried.

Water and Sewer Rate Presentation

Mike Darrow explained the public engagement process for the water and sewer rate study. Staff held two open house meetings and sent information to all utility customers about the rate study. Mike and Rae Ann also met with individual businesses who would be impacted the most by a rate increase. Information has also been posted on the City and Utility websites. The proposed rate increase would be \$5.35 more per month for water and \$3.87 more per month for sewer. The proposed rates would take effect in the fourth quarter of 2019 for sewer rates and the first quarter of 2020 for water rates. Considerable discussion followed. The Utility Commission will take action on July 10, 2019, and the City Council will take action on August 12, 2019. Staff will look at creating a video and other ways of notifying consumers.

Communications and Miscellaneous

None

Alderman Montello moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Kittel, and carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

Tanya Batchelor
City Clerk